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**THE OLD
ORDER
MUST
END!**

**BRITAIN
MUST
FALL!**

**LONG LIVE
OUR NEW
FUEHRER!**

**..THE
INVINCIBLE
RED SKULL!**

**THE TIMES
CAPTAIN BRITAIN AND
CAPTAIN AMERICA DEAD**

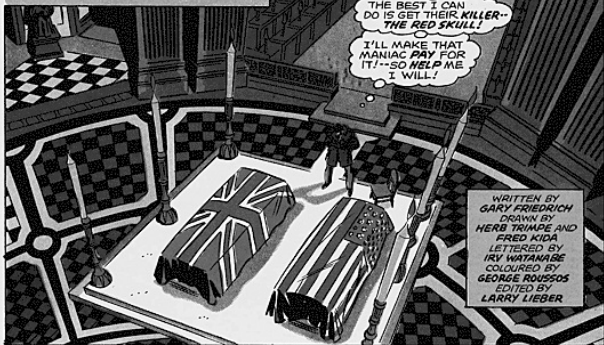


Stan Lee
PRESENTS:

CAPTAIN BRITAIN!

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL! A LIGHT RAIN SLICES THROUGH THE NIGHT AIR, AS IF HEAVEN ITSELF WERE WEEPING--MOURNING FOR TWO GREAT CHAMPIONS WHO NOW LIE IN STATE UNDER THE WATCHFUL, TEAR-STAINED EYES OF COLONEL NICK FURY, DIRECTOR OF S.H.I.E.L.D.! A TIGHTENING LUMP SWELLS IN HIS THROAT AS HE AWAITS THE MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR CAPTAIN BRITAIN AND CAPTAIN AMERICA, HIS ONLY SOLACE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT...

TWO DIED WITH HONOUR!



WRITTEN BY
GARY FRIEDRICH
DRAWN BY
HERB TRIMPE AND
FRED KIDA
LETTERED BY
IRVY WATANABE
COLOURED BY
GEORGE ROUSSOS
EDITED BY
LARRY LIEBER



THE SERVICES
WON'T START
FOR A COUPLE
HOURS--

--GIVES ME TIME
TO THINK-- TO
REMEMBER AND
MAYBE COME UP
WITH A CLUE--

--TO HELP
ME FIND THE
RED SKULL!

"I PEGGED RADCLIFFE FOR A TRAITOR FROM
THE BEGINNING! BUT I WAITED TOO LONG TO
CALL HIS BLUFF--

CAPTAIN BRITAIN AND
CAPTAIN AMERICA HAVE HAD IT! THEY'LL
BE DESTROYED WITH BRADDOCK MANOR!

WHY, YOU
ROTTEN--

RELAX, COLONEL.
ENJOY THE
SHOW!

STRIKE ONE
TO SQUADRON--
FIRE!!



"TRAPPED AND HELP-
LESS, I JUST SAT
THERE--WHILE TWO
RIGHTEOUS GUYS
GOT BLOWN TO
SMITHEREENS!

MAYBE THEY
WEREN'T IN
THERE! MAYBE,
SOMEHOW, THEY
MANAGED TO
ESCAPE!

NUTS! WHO
AM I KIDDIN'?
THEY BOUGHT
IT! BOTH
OF 'EM!

BUT THE STINKIN'
NAZI WHO WASTED 'EM
AIN'T GONNA LIVE TO
GLOAT OVER IT!



I'M GONNA TAKE HIM OUT
WITH THE ONLY WEAPON
I GOT --MY MOUTH!

HEY, CRUD--I BET
I CAN GUESS WHO'S
NEXT ON YER HIT LIST.

HOW ABOUT A LAST
CIGAR BEFORE YA FINISH
ME? THERE'S SOME
HERE IN MY POCKET!



WHY NOT?
IT IS
TRADITIONAL
TO OFFER A
CONDEMNED
MAN A
SMOKE!

EVEN IF HE IS A
FOUL-MOUTHED,
BAD-TEMPERED
YANK!

JAW AWAY, MEATHEAD--
JUST SO YA STICK A
MATCH TO THE END OF
THAT
STOGIE!!

ENJOY YOUR SMOKE, COLONEL!
UNLESS THERE ARE TOBACCO-
NISTS IN HADES, THIS IS
YOUR LAST CIGAR!



JUST LIGHT
IT, CREEP--AND
I'LL ENJOY IT
MORE THAN YOU'LL
EVER KNOW!

IT SHOULD ONLY
TAKE A COUPLE
PUFFS!

COME ON--COME
ON! YOU GOTTA
WORK--YOU
GOTTA!



THERE SHE
GOES!



AAAAGHH!

I'VE SMOKED
SOME STRONG
CEGGARS IN
MY DAY--BUT
THIS ONE
BEATS 'EM
ALL!



GOOD OLD
G-BRANCH!
WHO ELSE
WOULD'VE
DREAMED UP
A STOGIE THAT
SHOOTS A
POISON DART
WHEN IT'S
LIT?

WELL, I SNUFFED
RADCLIFFE! NOW I
GOTTA RAISE
SOMEBODY ON THE
RADIO!



I JUST HOPE
STRIKE H.Q. CAN
PICK UP MY
SIGNAL--AND
FLY THIS HEAP
IN FOR ME!

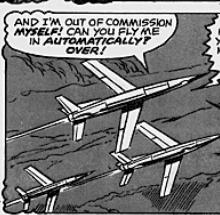
FURY TO STRIKE CENTRE--
FURY TO STRIKE
CENTRE! CAN
YA READ ME--
OVER!

THIS IS
STRIKE
CENTRE! WE
HEAR YOU
COLONEL--BUT
WHERE'S COLONEL
RADCLIFFE?
OVER!



HE'S TAKIN'
A LONG
NAP! THE
ACTION OUT
HERE WAS TOO
MUCH
FOR 'IM!

AND I'M OUT OF COMMISSION
MYSELF! CAN YOU FLY ME
IN AUTOMATICALLY?
OVER!



ROGER, COLONEL
FURY! WE'RE PLACING
YOU ON AUTO-CONTROL
NOW--WE'LL GUIDE YOU
BACK TO BASE! BUT
WHAT'S HAPPENED
ABOARD?

LIKE YA
WOULDN'T BE-
LIEVE, PAL! NOW
CUT THE GAB AND
GET ME DOWN
FROM HERE! OVER
AND OUT!



AND THAT WAS IT! THEY LANDED ME IN ONE PIECE! RADCLIFFE WAS DEAD--AND THE OTHER TWO PILOTS CHECKED OUT CLEAN!

BUT I'M STILL IN THE DARK ABOUT THE SKULL! NUTHIN' THAT HAPPENED GIVES A CLUE TO WHERE THAT CREEP IS HIDIN'!



YOU MUSTN'T BLAME YOURSELF, COLONEL. IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT!

IF ANY-ONE SHOULD SHOULD THE BLAME--IT'S I!

HUH?! WHO THE DEVIL ARE YOU? HOW'D YOU GET IN HERE?



MY NAME IS HUNTER, COLONEL--COMMANDER LANCE HUNTER? I'M THE DIRECTOR OF S.T.R.I.K.E.!

OH, YEAH! WELL, YOU'RE JUST A LITTLE LATE, PAL--IN CASE YA HADN'T NOTICED!

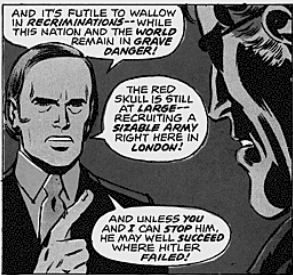
BELIEVE ME, COLONEL, I'M AS GRIEVED AS YOU. I'LL ALWAYS FEEL GUILTY FOR ALLOWING THE TRAITOR RADCLIFFE TO ENTER OUR RANKS!



WELL, YER RIGHT--YOU ARE GUILTY! AND TAKE YER HAT OFF! SHOW SOME RESPECT--

CONTROL YOURSELF, COLONEL! ANGER WON'T BRING THEM BACK. NOTHING WILL!

--FOR TWO JOES WHO ARE DEAD 'CAUSE YOU BOTCHED THINGS!



AND IT'S FUTILE TO WALLOW IN RECRIMINATIONS--WHILE THIS NATION AND THE WORLD REMAIN IN GRAVE DANGER!

THE RED SKULL IS STILL AT LARGE--RECRUITING A SIZABLE ARMY RIGHT HERE IN LONDON!

AND UNLESS YOU AND I CAN STOP HIM, HE MAY WELL SUCCEED WHERE HITLER FAILED!



AND THOUGH WE KNEW LITTLE ABOUT HIM, STILL WE ALL MOURN THE MYSTERIOUS CAPTAIN BRITAIN--

--FOR PERHAPS HE MIGHT HAVE BECOME A NATIONAL HERO AND INSPIRATION TO THE DISPIRITED AMONG US, DURING THESE TRYING TIMES!

BUT WHILE TWO NATIONAL CHIEFS OF ESPIONAGE SEEK TO AVERT CATASTROPHE, WE TURN OUR ATTENTION TO A GROUP OF GRIEVING STUDENTS AT THAMES UNIVERSITY--

A SYMBOL OF STRENGTH AND COURAGE THAT NOW BELONGS TO THE AGES!



TURN IT OFF! I CAN'T BEAR TO HEAR ANOTHER WORD!

IT SEEMS ONLY YESTERDAY THAT CAPTAIN BRITAIN SAVED ME FROM THAT MURDEROUS MONSTROSITY, HURRICANE!

AND NOW HE'S DEAD! GONE FOREVER! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

*YOU SAW IT IN 15H # 5! --LARRY.



EASY-- IT ISN'T LIKE YOU LOST ONE OF YOUR FAMILY!

I MEAN, WHO WAS HE, REALLY? JUST SOME BLOKE RUNNING ABOUT IN LONG JOHN'S AND A MASK!

FOR ALL WE KNOW, HE COULD HAVE BEEN A VILLAIN THAT WE'RE WELL RID OF!

YOU HEARTLESS, BLITHERING IMBECILE!

HOW DARE YOU QUESTION HIM?!



YOU HEARD WHAT THEY SAID ON THE TELLY--THAT HE DIED, FIGHTING A DANGEROUS CELL OF NEO-NAZIS!

ALL RIGHT--IF YOU FEEL THAT WAY, GO GET YOUR MILKSOP CHUM, BRIAN BRADDOCK, TO HOLD YOUR HAND--

--IF YOU CAN FIND HIM! HE HASN'T BEEN TO CLASS IN THREE DAYS!



THEN, AS DUM DUM DUBAN, FURY'S RIGHT-HAND-MAN, WATCHES THE SUPERHEROES GO THROUGH THEIR PAGES--



--WE GET THE BERNIE SENSATION OF SOMETHING STRANGE ABOUT THE EXHIBITION--



--THAT SOMEHOW WE'RE WITNESSING A STAGED BIOGRAPHY OF THE TWO COMBATANTS--



--PERFORMED BY COMPETENT, BUT NOT QUITE PERFECT, ACTORS!



WHAT IN BLAZES--? CAP--IS THAT YOU?!

IT CAN'T BE! IF THEY'D SURVIVED, I WOULD HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED!



I SWEAR, YOUR UGLY MUG LOOKS BETTER TO ME RIGHT NOW THAN A PENT-HOUSE CENTRE-FOLD!

HERE! LET ME HELP YA UP!



HEY, WHAT'S THE MATTER? CAP'S LIMP AS A DISHWASH!

WHAT'S WRONG WITH 'IM? WHAT'S GOIN' ON HERE?

I'M SORRY, NICK! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU'D TAKE IT THIS WAY! GUESS IT WAS A DUMB STUNT!

THEY AIN'T REAL, NICK! THEY'RE L.M.D.'S! I HAD 'EM MADE UP RIGHT AFTER CAP WAS KILLED!



I FIGURED WE'D USE 'EM TO MAYBE RATTLE THE SKULL AND CATCH HIM OFF-GUARD!

THEN THERE WAS NO MIRACLE ESCAPE FOR CAPTAIN AMERICA AND CAPTAIN BRITAIN!

THEY'RE REALLY DEAD--AND WE'RE GONNA HAVE TO FIGHT ON WITHOUT 'EM!

*LIFE MODEL DECAYS!--LARRY.

NEXT WEEK:
"WHILE THE WORLD GENTLY WEEPS!"

SO WHAT HAPPENED TO ISH 17??

WE'VE JUST GOTTA APOLOGISE TO MARVELDOM
ASSEMBLED FOR THE PAGINATION ERROR
IN CAPTAIN BRITAIN 17!

SO WHAT HAPPENED?

Y'SEE OUR PRINTERS MADE AN ERROR WHEN
ASSEMBLING THE COLOUR PAGES, AND
ACCIDENTALLY PRINTED SOME PAGES FROM
ISSUE 18.

THAT'S WHY WE RAN THE
COLOUR SECTION AGAIN LAST WEEK.
IF YOU LIFT IT OUT AND PUT THE
BLACK AND WHITE MIDDLE OF
ISSUE 17 INSIDE... HEY PRESTO!...
YOU'VE A PERFECT
COMIC...

MAGIC INNIT?



MOVE OVER **HULK!** HERE COME THE **APES!**



**THE
INCREDIBLE HULK!**

THAT'S RIGHT,
TRUE BELIEVERS--
**MIGHTY WORLD OF
MARVEL**
IS NOW BETTER
THAN EVER!
FOUR BIG FEATURES
ALL FOR
YOU!

**PLANET OF
THE APES!**



DAREDEVIL--



---THE
MAN
WITHOUT
FEAR!

LOOK
FOR IT AT
YOUR LOCAL
NEWS AGENTS!
ON SALE

THE WEEK OF
FEB. 24-MAR. 2

**THE SENSATIONAL
CAPTAIN MARVEL!**



Stan Lee PRESENTS: THE FANTASTIC FOUR!™

A SEARCH FOR HIS BELOVED CRYSTAL HAS BROUGHT THE HUMAN TORCH TO THE HEART OF SOUTH AMERICA. HE NOW KNOWS THAT SHE IS IN THE POWER OF EL DIABLO, AND THE TORCH IS MAD!

DOOM IS EL DIABLO!

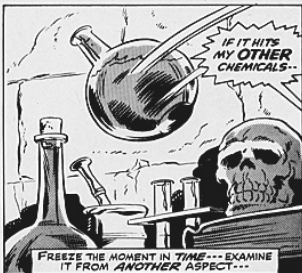
THE REST OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR HAVE LEARNED OF JOHNNY'S WHEREABOUTS AND HAVE FOLLOWED HIM TO EL DIABLO'S LAIR, WHERE THEY ARE MET BY A NONE-TOO-FRIENDLY "WELCOMING COMMITTEE!"

REED LOOK!

ARCHIE GOODWIN
WRITER
JIM MOONEY
INKER
STAN LEE -- EDITOR

JOHN BUSCEMA
PENCILER
SAM ROSEN
LETTERER





FOR, AS THE FLASK FALLS *WITHIN* THE TEMPLE--
WITHOUT, FOUR FIGURES RACE UP CRUMBLING
STEPS OF STONE.

REED, BEN SHOULD
HAVE REAPPEARED
WITH DIABLO BY
NOW!

I KNOW,
SUE--

BUT IT'S
LIKE THAT
ALCHEMIST
TO HAVE ONE
LAST TRICK
NO ONE
COUNTED
ON.

I ALREADY
OWE THAT CREEP
FOR BUGGING
CRYSTAL.

IF HE'S HARMED
MY BLUE-EYED BUDDY,
THE THING...

THEN...

THAT SHAKING--
TREMBLING--!

IT
FEELS
LIKE...

DOWN THE
STAIRS! EVERY-
BODY BACK DOWN
BEFORE--

BUT WHEN THE SOUND AND FURY FADE-- WHEN THE
DENSE SWIRL OF DEBRIS *CLEAR*S...

F-TOOM!

SIS, THERE MAY
BE SUPER-HEROES
WITH FLASHIER
POWERS--

STILL, I'LL TAKE THAT
FORCE-FIELD OF
YOURS ANY DAY!

BUT THE TEMPLE
-- THERE'S
NOTHING LEFT--!



Tell it to The CAPTAIN!



CAPTAIN AMERICA, MOVE OVER

Dear Batty Bullpen,

CONGRATULATIONS! You have done it again! A fantastic story from Chris Claremont, and brilliant artwork from Herb Trimpe and Fred Kida. I am, of course, talking about Marvel's great new comic — CAPTAIN BRITAIN!

Until C.B. arrived on the scene, Spidey was my favourite super-hero, then Cap America. Now, Spidey is still my favourite, but then comes Captain Britain, then Captain America.

On the subject of new super-heroes, I was searching through the pile of American Marvels at my local newsagents and I saw something new in the shape of NOVA! I was not fortunate enough to have No. 1, but No. 2 did Okay for me. I bought it and took it home and read it. Again, CONGRATULATIONS.

John Goldsmith, RFO.KOF.
26 Nightingale Rd.,
Rickmansworth, Herts.

You have the grateful thanks of the entire Bullpen for making known your unqualified approval of Cap Britain. And you can bet

your sweet Marvel life we have some good new super-villains lining up by the launching pad. The very best yet!

YOU'RE NEVER TOO OLD...

Dear Marvel,

Four months ago, no, eight months ago, I decided that at fourteen I was too old for comics and, with hardship, forced them from my mind. Yet in my subconscious I realised comics are to me what prawn cocktails are to my dad, and when I bought 13 Avenger magazines I began to feel the urge.

So soon it was not strange that I bought nos. 2 and 3 of Skull, and I would have gone on re-starting again, but money I had none, and all I could do was to reflect with deep agony upon the loss of old, very old, and new comics—the hundreds that I had disposed of.

I managed to forget comics, buying only Treasury editions and thinking that the release from today's world to the fantasy world, the learning you can get from comics was baby's stuff.

Recently I have been on holiday, and I could not help purchasing the "Fantastic Four" which also had in it two other favourites, "Doc Doom" and "Silver Surfer".

Buying this made me decide to make a subscription, which you shall receive shortly, and so, once again, I have enlisted in the ranks of Marvel, stripped of my No-Prizes I had gained any initials that trailed behind my name.

Questions. 1. When will volume 3 of Origins of Marvel Comics come forth? 2. How many other subscriptions are there available, and does Marvel do a comic holder? 3. Does Marvel have back issues for sale?

Jonathan Webb,
23 Deanes Close, Southview,
Basingstoke, Hants

Come back, Jonathan, all is forgiven. And land here we go answering your question 3 before questions 1 and 2) if we had back issues available they'd be yours for the asking. But back issues we do not have. Question 1. Vol. 3, entitled "Bring on the Bad Guys" by Stan Lee, is in the shops now. Question 2. We know we should have a comic holder, but we haven't. The reason being that we haven't been able to have one made up at what we consider to be a reasonable price. But the big stationers do sell holders made up for other purposes which will do an admirable job of preserving valuable Marvels.

THE KING AND I

Dear Sir,

I am somewhat distressed at the stupid and unnecessary criticism coming from certain people concerning the marvellous work of Jack Kirby.

I think that Jack is the best artist around. I have over 200 comics drawn by Jack in my large collection of American comics, and each one is a masterpiece.



People seem to forget that Jack Kirby drew such great characters as The Fantastic Four, The Hulk, The Eternals, Captain America, Thor, Galactus, The Silver Surfer, The X-Man, The Avengers, S.H.I.E.L.D., The Watcher and many others.

A lot of people claim that Jack Kirby's work lacks detail. This is ridiculous. I suggest that they pick up a copy of the 2001 Space Odyssey Treasury special. That should soon open their eyes to his great artwork.

Lots of luck with "Bring on the Bad Guys" and "Captain Britain."

Richard Lee,
2 Stoneleigh Close,
East Grinstead, Sussex.

Woooo! The Kirby fans are really fighting mad these days! We're not taking sides in the dispute 'cos we think Marvelites are more than capable of settling such issues for themselves. But this, we suggest, has got to be admitted. Jack Kirby has played such an enormous part in the development of Marvel Comics that whether you love him or loathe him, you just have to accept that he's a part of Marvel.

PEN-PAL

Oh, Most Venerated Ones,

Couldst thou most stupendous people locate a fellow Marvelite for me? He or She can like any heroes, 'cos I think they're all terrific (especially Conan, by Crom!).

This Marvelite must be 14-15 years

old. His (or her) interests must be things like art, English, drama, music and Queen (a rock group) plus, of course, MARVEL.

Also, one question. What was the name of The Avengers Vision's personality before it was implanted in him? Well, that's all, folks.

Excelsior!

Paul D.J. Moody, RFO, QNS.
43 Rowenberry Rd., Longhenton Est.,
Newcastle 12.

Somewhere there just HAS to be a someone ready and eager to enrich your life, hero. In the meantime you've got the hard part ahead of you—waiting for things to start happening! But, patience, and all will come about, of that we feel sure. Lastly, that question you so casually tossed at us was a much bigger one than you'd ever imagine. Because the history of The Vision goes back a long, long way, and in the course of that history he's had more than his share of personality changes.

CAPTAIN BRITAIN MAILBAG
MARVEL COMICS, TUBS HILL HOUSE,
SEVENDOKS, KENT



DO YOU KNOW?

STAMP QUIZ?

1. What country puts "C.C.C.P." on its stamps?
2. Does ICELAND issue stamps?
3. Name any country which has issued TRIANGULAR stamps?
4. What country issues special CHRISTMAS stamps?

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CAPTAIN BRITAIN'S FUN PAGE

START

IT HAD TO HAPPEN!

**CAPTAIN BRITAIN
 and
 SPIDER-MAN
 TEAM-UP
 MAZE**

YOU KNOW HOW TO DO IT...
 SO GET TO IT!!

IT'S "BE-A-MARVEL-ARTIST"
 TIME AGAIN!

HERE'S THE SHAPE OF SPIDEY'S
 HEAD...THE REST IS UP TO YOU!



HELP!
 STAN IS
 TRAPPED
 IN THE
 MAZE!!

FINISH

OWEN
 M-CARRON

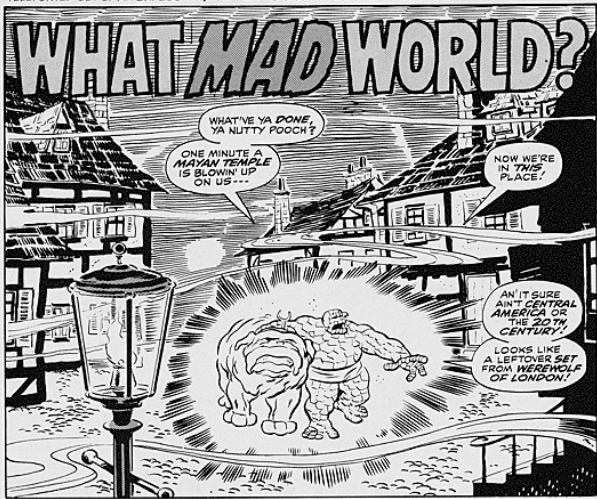
**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
 COVER QUIZ
 WHAT'S MISSING?**

- ISSUE NO.3:
END OF QUARTERSTAFF, PRICE
- ISSUE NO.5:
FLAG ON GLOVE, "BONUS FEATURE"
- ISSUE NO.11:
CHAIN ON GIRL, C.B.'S DIALOGUE
- ISSUE NO.12:
LION ON C.B.'S CHEST, MOUSE
- ISSUE NO.14:
C.B.'S RIGHT HAND, FRONT PANEL-MACHINE

LOCKJAW Words:
 JACKO, JOCK, JACK, LAW, CAW,
 WALK, COAL, LOW, CLAW, LACK

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EXPLORE AN INSTANT IN *TIME*. AN INSTANT FROM THE PRECEDING STORY WHEN THE *THING* AND *LOCKJAW*
TELEPORTED OUT OF AN *EXPLOSION*, AND FOR ITS *DURATION* ARE THRUST INTO ---



AND THOUGH NOT *CORRECT*, THAT THOUGHT IS
CLOSER TO *TRUTH* THAN BEN GRIMM KNOWS---







HUH?!

LOCKSLEY, YOU VARLET! YOU'VE
COME ONCE TOO OFTEN TO
NOTTINGHAM CASTLE!

THIS VISIT YOU'LL
DINE ON THE HIGH
SHERIFF'S STEEL!



AT 'IM, MEN! **SLAY**
THE
OUTLAW ROGUE!

SLAY
THE BANDIT
ROBIN
HOOD!



'SCUSE THE TABLE, FELLAS,
BUT I DIDN'T BRING MY BOW
AN' ARROW!



THEY'RE ALL A BUNCHA
ROBOTS -- LIKE THAT
FIRST ONE.

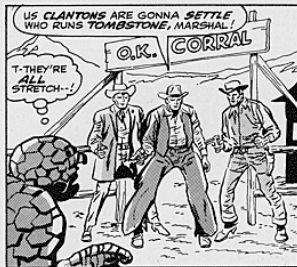
AN' THE MAIN
BAD GUY HAS
STRETCHO'S
KISSER AGAIN!

MEBBE THIS DOOR
LEADS OUTTA THIS
LOONEY BIN...



OH NO!
ANOTHER
SCENE STRAIGHT
FROM THE LATE
SHOW!

WE BEEN
WAITIN'
FER YEH,
EARP.



OHMIGOSH!
HOW THE HECK
CAN IT BE?

WHEN LOCKJAW **TELEPORTED**,
YOU **CROSSED A DIMENSIONAL
BARRIER TO HERE-- AN
ALTERNATE UNIVERSE!**

ONE **SHOCKINGLY SIMILAR**
TO YOUR OWN-- YET **AMAZING**
IN ITS DIFFERENCES.

"**HERE**, FOR INSTANCE, THE **FATAL TRIP INTO SPACE**
THAT PRODUCED THE **FANTASTIC FOUR** IN YOUR
WORLD, WAS MADE ONLY BY **TWO--**

"**REED
RICHARDS**,
WHO **INSISTED**
ON DOING IT;
BEN GRIMM,
WHO
RELUCTANTLY
ASSISTED.

"THE **COSMIC RAYS** THAT **BOMBARDED THE SPACE**
CRAFT WERE THE SAME-- BUT THE EFFECT ON THE
OCCUPANTS FAR DIFFERENT!"

"**YEAH!**" SAYS BEN, "I
CAN TELL JUST BY
LISTENIN' TO YA
TALK, PAL."

BUT IF YA CAME OUT
GENIUS ENOUGH TA
BUILD ALL **THIS**,
WHAT'S THE **GRIPE?**

I WUZ BITTER AT REED TOO,
BUT YA LEARN TO **ACCEPT**
LOOKIN' LIKE THIS. IT AIN'T
STOPPED MY GAL ALICIA
FROM CARIN'!

I AM
RELEASING
YOU, MR.
GRIMM.

LOCKJAW IS
REGAINING
CONSCIOUS-
NESS. YOU'LL
BE ABLE TO
LEAVE.

AS YOU SEE ON THE **SCANNER**,
GUESTS ARE ARRIVING. I
PREFER YOU **DEPARTED**
BEFORE THEY'RE INSIDE.

HEY!
IT'S THE
POGO PLANE!

CORRECT. IT IS MY
FELLOW SUPERHERO,
MR. FANTASTIC-- AND
HIS LOVELY WIFE.

THEY SOMETIMES
VISIT ME HERE ON
MY ISLAND OF
SOLITUDE.



THE MIGHTY WORLD OF
MARVEL

PIN-UP PAGE!

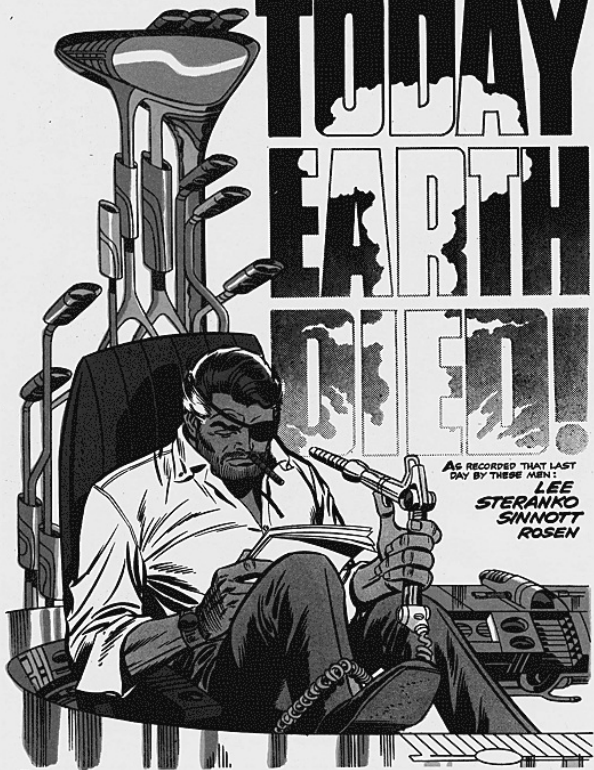


Stan Lee NICK FURY, AGENT OF S.H.I.E.L.D.!
PRESENTS: SUPREME HEADQUARTERS INTERNATIONAL ESPIONAGE LAW-ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

TODAY EARTH DIED!

AS RECORDED THAT LAST
DAY BY THESE MEN:

**LEE
STERANKO
SINNOTT
ROSEN**



AND, AT THAT MOMENT, THOUSANDS OF EYES PEER SKYWARD AT THE FANTASTIC SCENE APPEARING IN THE HEAVENS ABOVE THE TEEMING NEW YORK THRONG ...



LOOK AT THAT! NONE OF THIS STUFF EVER HAPPENED BEFORE THEY DROPPED THE BOMB! THAT'S WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT, Y'KNOW!

OH, OFFICER! IT...IT'S FRIGHTENING! I DON'T WANT TO GET INVOLVED, BUT WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

WHADDA YA WANT ME TO DO ABOUT IT, LADY? I JUST WISH IT WOULDVE HAPPENED ON SOMEONE ELSE'S BEAT!

WHERE'S YER SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE, O'FLYNNIT WAY? I'LL BET THE POST GETS OUT A SPECIAL EDITION ON THIS!

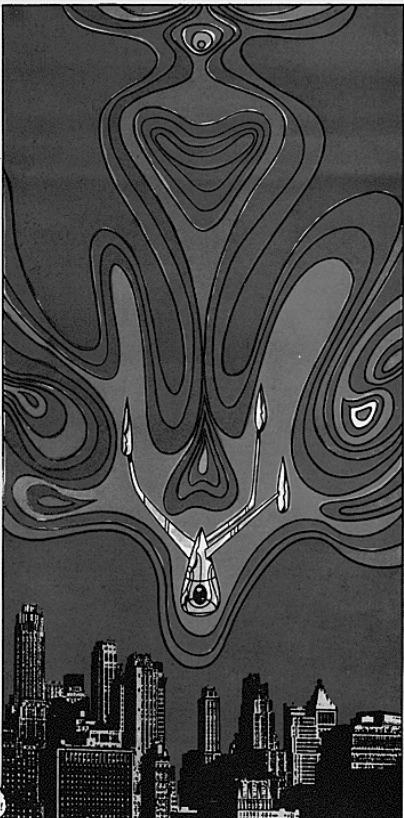
HOW! LOOKS LIKE TIMOTHY LEARY'S BUZZIN' THE SQUARES, HUM?

SEE THE PRETTY FIREWORKS, JUNIOR! IF ONLY WE HAD OUR CAMERA HERE!

WELL, AT LEAST IT'S NOT THAT BUNCH OF ADULT DELINQUENTS THEY CALL THE AVENGERS THIS TIME!

AH YES! THE DAY OF RETRIBUTION HAS COME, SINNERS!

GEE! I'LL BET THERE'LL BE PHOTOGRAPHERS TAKIN' PICTURES... I BETCHA!



GOOD EVENING! THIS IS
CHET HUNTLEY WITH A
SPECIAL N.B.C. MOBILE
NEWS UNIT IN NEW YORK
CITY...COVERING THE
APPEARANCE OF A
STRANGE UFO!

THE SHIP'S BEEN
HOVERING IN THE
SKY ALMOST
TWENTY MINUTES...
WEIRD LIGHTS PULS-
ING FROM ITS METAL-
LIKE EXTERIOR
AND...
WAIT!!

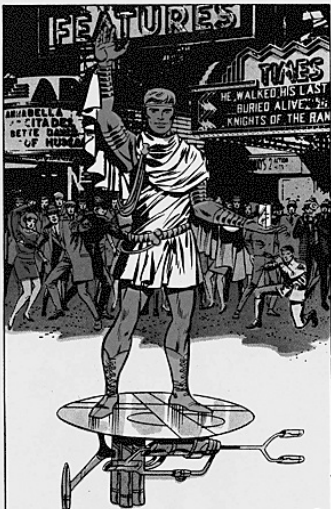
IT'S DESCENDING NOW
RATHER RAPIDLY...THE
POLICE HAVE EVERY WEAPON
AVAILABLE TRAINED ON THE
OBJECT...A SHIVER OF AWE,
PERHAPS FEAR, PASSES
THRU THE CROWD...

OFFICIALS ARE
PRESSING THE
CROWD BACK...
IT LOOKS LIKE
THE FANTASTIC
FOUR ARE GIVING
THEM A HAND...

WE CAN SEE THE SHIP
CLEARLY NOW...IT SEEMS
TO BE OF ALIEN DESIGN!
THOUSANDS OF SPECTATORS
ARE HOLDING THEIR BREATH...
LOOK...! PART OF THE
CRAFT IS SEPARATING...

YES! WE CAN SEE IT NOW...
IT...IT'S A MAN...A GOLDEN
MAN IN A TUNIC...HE'S HOLDING
UP HIS HAND...THE UNIVERSAL
GESTURE OF PEACE...AND
IN HIS OTHER HAND...

IT LOOKS LIKE A GEM...
HE'S DESCENDING TO THE
STREET LEVEL ON SOME
SORT OF PLATFORM...
WAIT...THE POLICE LINE
IS PARTING...IT'S A
MAN WITH AN
EYEPATCH!



MEANWHILE,
BACK AT SHIELD
HEADQUARTERS...

Y'KNOW, LADY, YER
JUST ABOUT THE MOST
UNLIKELY SECRET AGENT
I EVER SAW!

YES, I KNOW! BUT
THAT'S WHAT MAKES
ME A GOOD ONE...
WOULDN'T YOU SAY?

HUH! UH... OH,
YEAH! GUESS I
WOULD! AW...
YOU KNOW
WHAT I MEAN!

I SAW YA TEARIN'
INTO THOSE BADDIES
THE YELLOW CLAW
HAD LINED UP!

BUT THERE I GO AGAIN...
GABBIN' ABOUT 'IM LIKE
HE WUZ A REAL MAN!

FUNNY THOUGH!
NICK AINT BEEN
THE SAME SINCE
KINDA KEEPS TO
HIMSELF LATELY!

DO YOU SUPPOSE
YOU'D BE THE
SAME AFTER A
TRIP TO HYPER
SPACE?

YEAH, YER
PROBABLY
RIGHT! HE'S
GOTTA...

UH-OH! THERE GOES
OUR PRIORITY SIGNAL!
LET'S GO, COUNTLESS!

I HAD A FEELIN' FURY'D
CALL US ON THAT BUSINESS
WE WERE WATCHIN' ON THE
MONITOR SCREEN!

DON'T LOOK LIKE
MUCH'A ANYTHING
TA ME THOUGH! BUT
LIKE THEY SAY... YA
CAN'T JUDGE A BOOK!

OKAY... DUGAN'S
READY FER ACTION!
LET'S GET GOIN', LADY!

WHILE, BACK ON THE STREETS...

PEACE... I COME IN PEACE, MEN OF EARTH! I AM CALLED **WASNER** FROM A DIMENSIONAL ULTRA-UNIVERSE UNKNOWN TO YOU!

THE ELDERS OF MY RACE HAVE RULED UPON A GALACTIC EDICT TO GRANT YOU THE MEANS TO BANISH ALL HATRED, CRIME, WAR AND VIOLENCE FOREVER!

TWO LONG HAS YOUR CIVILIZATION ENDURED THE UNKINDNESS!

THUS, EARTH-LINGS, I GIVE YOU... THE PRISM OF MIRACLES... A COSMIC GEM OF UNCOMMON WONDER!



WELL, I GUESS THAT'S UP TO ME, MISTER!

I'LL SEE IT GETS INTO THE RIGHT HANDS!

VERY WELL, EARTHMAN!



SIMPLY PEER INTO THE PURPLE IRIS AND YOUR EVERY WISH SHALL MATERIALIZE!

NEVER AGAIN WILL A SINGLE HUMAN BE FOUND WANTING!



LIKE I SAID, I'LL SEE IT GETS TO THE RIGHT FOLKS! NOW, SPOSE WE GET OVA THE STREET BEFORE THAT MOB PANIC!

NOW 'BOUT YOUR SHIP?



LOOKS LIKE WE GOT HERE RIGHT ON THE BUTTIN LADY!



LOOKS THAT WAY, PUGAN! COLONEL FURY'S GETTING INTO THE CRAFT!

I DOUBT IT, BUT LET'S SEE IF HE NEEDS US!



VAL! DUM DUM! WHAT'D YA DO TAKE THE BUS? MUSTLE IT UP, WILL YA?

IT AIN'T EVERY DAY WE GET A VISITOR LIKE THIS ONE!



GOT HERE AS SOON AS WE COULD, NICK! THE TRAFFIC'S FROZEN ON THE STREETS!



WE HEARD WHAT HE SAID! BUT...WE'LL CALL IT A WOMAN'S INTUITION, BUT I HAVE A FEELING, NICK!

SOMETHING'S NOT QUITE WHAT IT SHOULD BE!

I'M HIP, BABY! LOOK AROUND YA... THE GADGETS, THE CHAIRS... ALIEN! THEY JUST AINT MADE FOR THE HUMAN BODY!

GOT YOUR IMAGE SCANNER WITH YA? USE IT!



I DON'T UNDERSTAND! IS SOMETHING WRONG? WHAT IS IT, EARTH-LING? WHAT IS IT?



==GASP!!==

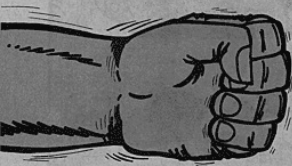
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